

REMARKS

The Office Action of June 8, 2009 has been reviewed and the comments therein carefully considered. Claims 2-3 are pending. Claim 1 has been cancelled. Claim 2-3 have been amended.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 103, indicating that these claims are unpatentable over U.S. 6,808,755 to Miyamoto et al. (hereinafter "the Miyamoto patent") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,302,414 to Alkhimov et al. (hereinafter "the Alkhimov patent").

The Examiner has objected to claim 2 for depending from a rejected base claim. The Examiner has stated that claim 2 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 2 has been amended to incorporate all of the limitations of claim 1. Claim 3 has been amended to correct dependency. Therefore, Applicant believes claim 2 and dependent claim 3 are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of pending claims 2-3 are respectfully requested.

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